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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Applicant respectfully requests a three (3) month extension of time, from January 2, 2003, up to and including April 2, 2003, to respond to the Office Action mailed October 2, 2002, in the above-referenced case. Responsive to that Office Action, Applicant requests entrance of the following Amendment and consideration of the following Remarks:

Amendment

In the claims:

Please cancel all pending claims and replace them with new claims 99-119 that read as follows:

A nucleic acid encoding a chimeric transcription factor that comprises: 99.

a transcriptional regulatory domain; and

a nucleic acid binding domain containing at least two nucleic acid binding motifs, which do not occur together in the same protein in nature in the same order, spacing or arrangement as is present in the chimeric transcription factor, wherein:

at least one of the nucleic acid binding motifs comprises a zinc finger; and the chimeric transcription factor recognizes a nucleic acid sequence not recognized by a protein containing only one of the nucleic acid binding motifs present in the chimeric transcription factor.

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